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APPLICANT: BRENNFLECK, Matthias Michael

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REMARKS ON SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In this supplemental preliminary amendment, please consider the following remarks in conjunction with the amendments to the above-identified application as follows:

REMARKS

The present Supplemental Preliminary Amendment has been entered for the purpose of placing the application into a more proper U.S. format. In particular, Figure 3 was objected to for compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. More specifically, the line quality of Figure 3 was too light to be reproduced. Applicant has substituted the original Figure 3 with a corrected Figure 3 on a replacement drawing sheet. Applicant presents the Supplemental preliminary amendment for the purpose of placing the application into a more proper U.S. format. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicant respectfully requests that the present Supplemental Amendment be entered prior to an initial Official Action on the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fig. 2

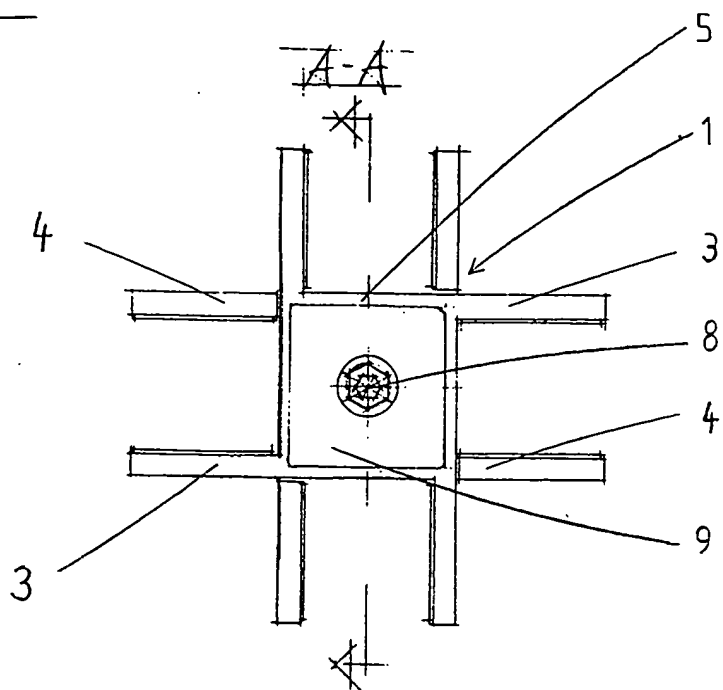


Fig. 3

